Records Retention and Disposition for Arizona Community Colleges and Districts



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Chapter 1 - The Life-Cycle Of Records

WHAT ARE RECORDS?

A discussion of records retention should logically begin with determining just what is a record. Definitions may vary depending on the author, context and scope of what is being defined. For the purposes of this discussion, the audience is Arizona community colleges and districts, and the legal definition, as it appears in the State Library statutes, shall apply.

As defined in the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S. §41-1350) records are: All books, papers, maps, photographs or other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics . . . made or received by any governmental agency in pursuance of law or in connection with the transaction of public business and preserved or appropriate for preservation by the agency or its legitimate successor as evidence of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the government, or because the informational and historical value of the data contained therein . . .

Records as defined above are the property of the State of Arizona. They are in no sense personal property nor are they the property of a specific agency or political subdivision (A.R.S. §41-1347).

It is frequently assumed that records are only paper materials. In the definition above the phrase "regardless of physical form or characteristics" greatly expands on that assumption. Records may include computer based records, still photographs, motion pictures, audio and video recordings, charts, maps, drawings, plans, micrographics and more.

E-RECORDS

E-records are those that reside in electronic computer systems "regardless of physical form...". Those records created in an electronic/digital environment are referred to as "born digital" and may well spend their entire life-cycle in this form. E-records are a documentary product of e-government, or digital government.

The Arizona Electronic Transaction Act (A.R.S. §44-7001 et. seq.) authorizes state and local governments to establish electronic/digital systems for conducting their business. It also specifically requires that any records that are a product of these systems be managed pursuant to Arizona's government records statutes.

"ALERT" (Arizona 'Lectronic Records Taskforce)

ALERT was created by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records as an advisory

¹ A.R.S. §41-1350 November 2002

group meant to ensure that the electronic records management program established by the agency will address the needs of all affected government entities. The taskforce is composed of representatives from various state and local government agencies. The group welcomes participation and comments from concerned parties. More information may be found at the State Library web site, www.lib.az.us.

ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT (ERM)

Although this manual does not specifically address the management of electronic records, a separate manual "Managing Arizona Government Electronic Records" is being developed for that purpose. That manual is expected to be ready for publication in the first quarter of 2003.

THE CONCEPT OF THE RECORD LIFE-CYCLE

A life-cycle is simply the stages through which an organism passes during the course of its lifetime. Pertaining to records, it consists of the various phases a record passes through from the time of its creation or receipt to the time of its final disposition.

As with any inanimate, man-made item, the lifecycle of records is not determined by natural laws, but by the needs of the individuals creating and using records. Figure 1 illustrates the life-cycle of typical paper records.

RECORDS CREATION

The life-cycle of a record begins when it is created or received by an agency. A record is created whenever documentary information is placed onto a medium thus making intangible information into tangible records. This action takes place when forms are filled out, correspondence is written, reports are compiled and printed, information is recorded magnetically or electronically, etc.

The medium a record is produced on and the manner of creation does not significantly alter the concept of the life-cycle. All records are created, retained and disposed of on some cyclical basis.

RECORDS RETENTION

Records retention is the maintenance of documents for further use. Paper records are usually retained in office filing equipment while they are active. When activity; i.e., references to records; drops to a very low level they are considered inactive and may complete their retention in a records center.

Records centers are specifically designed to house inactive records far more economically and efficiently than in an office. Records centers are also more economical than microfilming for storage of any record with a retention of less than sixty years.

NON-RECORDS

The definition of records encompasses a broad spectrum of recorded information; but not all recorded information is a record. According to Statute (A.R.S. §41-1350):

... Library or museum material made or acquired solely for reference or exhibition purposes, extra copies of documents preserved only for convenience or reference, and stocks of publications or documents intended for sale or distribution to interested persons, are not included within the definition of records . . .

Non-record materials *may* include:

- Reading file copies of correspondence
- Tickler, follow-up, or suspense copies of correspondence
- Identical duplicate copies of all documents maintained in the same file
- Extra copies of printed or processed materials, official copies of which have been retained for record purposes
- Superseded copies of published manuals and directives
- Routing slips
- Transmittal sheets
- Catalogs, trade journals, magazines, etc
- Information copies of correspondence
- Physical exhibits, artifacts, and material objects lacking documentary values

Non-records are usually not to be mixed with records in the same file. Sometimes materials normally considered non-record, such as transmittal or routing slips, acquire record status because they clarify the matter being documented. Such distinctions require care and discretion.

The fact that an item is a copy does not, in itself, give it non-record status. As Figure 2 shows, several copies of a single document may each have record status because each serves a separate program purpose. Multiple copies of a single record, however, generally are not all records. One copy of a document is usually designated as the "official" copy.

When it is difficult to decide whether files are record or non-record materials, the agency should treat them as records. The assistance of the Records Management Division, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records is always available to help with this decision.

BE CAREFUL WITH NON-RECORDS

From the standpoint of both state and Federal court Rules of Evidence, there is little if any difference between records and copies of records. During the

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discovery process of a civil suit the non-record copies are just as discoverable as evidence as the original records. Stay on the safe side and treat non-record copies as you would treat original records.

The Life-cycle of Records

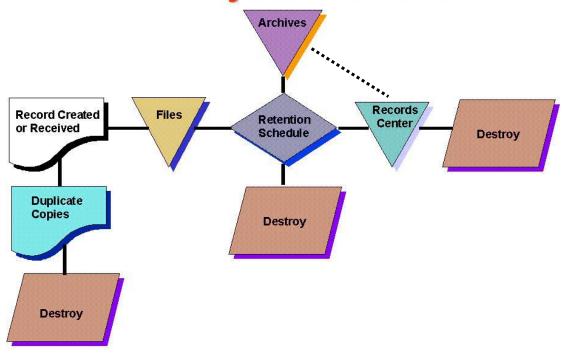


Figure 1

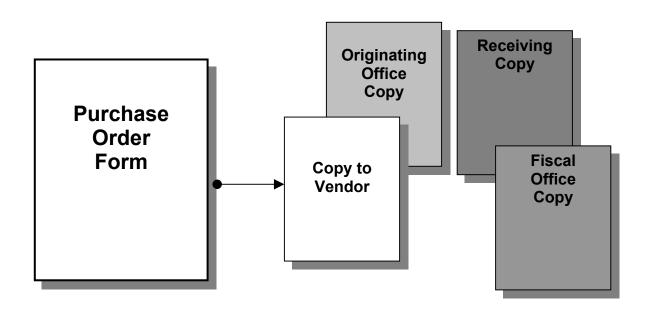


Figure 2

Chapter 2 - Records Inventory

RECORD SERIES

A record series is a group of like records that are filed together and treated as a unit for records management purposes. A records series may consist of many separate files, but it is treated as a single unit for all purposes relating to records retention.

A familiar example is "personnel files," one of which exists for every employee in the organization. Even though there may be hundreds or thousands of these files, they are referred to as a records series – "personnel files" - for records retention purposes

RECORDS INVENTORY

The first step in developing records retention and disposition schedules is to determine what records exist in an agency. This is ideally accomplished by taking a records inventory. The records inventory can be performed agency-wide or on an office by office basis.

The records inventory identifies and quantifies the records created and received by an agency. The inventory is the first step in the development of an agency's (department's) records program and becomes the working document for records retention and disposition schedules, file plans and essential records programs.

Simply defined, the records inventory is a list of each record series, together with an indication of where it is located and other pertinent data.

The inventory is not:

- A document by document listing
- A folder by folder listing

Non-record materials are not required to be included in the inventory. However, since non-records are discoverable and admissible as evidence it is advisable to *include* them in the inventory and describe them thoroughly. If they are duplicates or extra copies, indicate that they are not the record copy and show their use and proposed retention.

The inventory frequently produces some startling results. If an agency or department has not been following a systematic records disposition program the inventory will probably reveal:²

- 40% of the total volume will remain in the office.
- 30% of the total volume may be destroyed immediately.
- 30% of the total volume may be boxed and shipped to inactive storage.

TAKING THE INVENTORY

There are basically two methods of inventorying records: the physical inventory and the survey /

²ARMA International, Overview of Records and

Information Management, 1985. November 2002

questionnaire. In the physical inventory, personnel specially trained by and working for the agency records management unit inventory all records in an agency. They use a carefully designed inventory form which provides for all necessary information. The physical inventory is the most accurate and complete method for determining exactly what records exist in an agency.

In the questionnaire method, a well designed questionnaire(s) is distributed to all unit managers for completion by personnel from each unit. This requires commitment and cooperation from each unit. This method can be efficient and effective providing that the individual units cooperate fully with the records management staff.

Before the inventory begins, agency structure, the levels of authority and program responsibilities need to be understood. They can serve as clues to the existence and location of records within the agency. The following matters should be considered:

- Which are the key line and staff offices?
- What programs does the agency have?
- What units are responsible for developing policies?
- What units are charged with carrying out policies?
- What is the nature of staff support activities?

Equally important is a prior knowledge of the agency or department filing systems. The following questions need to be answered:

- Is there a prescribed agency wide filing system? If so, how widely is it used?
- Is there a prescribed file classification system?
- Is there a central file? Does it operate as planned? At what levels?
- Is there an automated records management system or document management system in use by the agency.
- Where is essential documentation likely to be?

RECOMMENDED INVENTORY FORMAT

The records inventory worksheet recommended is illustrated in Figure 3. This form is available from the Records Management Division, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. The form can be used for either a physical inventory or as a questionnaire. It should be filled out completely and correctly as it will be the basis for any proposed retention and disposition schedules

AGENCY:	DIVISION:
SUB-ORG. UNIT:	CONTACT NAME:
RECORD SERIES NAME:	
RECORDS MEDIUM:	Official Copy Info. Co
Paper Microfilm DESCRIPTION (IF NAME IS NOT DESCRIPTIVE	☐ Electronic/Computer ☐ Electronic Image
INCLUSIVE DATES IN FILE: From	Through
RECORD(FILE) CUT-OFF:	
	Fiscal Year After Event (case completion; project completion; etc.
VOLUME OF RECORDS (SELECT ONE): CUbic feet	lineal inches file drawers
USE FREQUENCY OF RECORDS:	
current yearref./n	month 2 thru 5 years oldref./month
post year ref /n	month over 5 years oldref./month
PAST YEAR TEL.///	monut over 5 years oldrer./monut
	years after Citation
Office Recomendation	years after
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Operating system	
Application program:	
Data format:	
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Figure 3

Chapter 3 – Records Evaluation / Appraisal

EVALUATION / APPRAISAL

Evaluation is a term used by records managers to determine the retention value of various record series. The information gathered in the records inventory is used to evaluate the records for determining retention periods. Evaluation for retention periods is based on:

- Statutory or regulatory requirements
- Audit requirements
- Practical need or value

Statutory or regulatory requirements for specific records retention periods are infrequent. Statutes and regulations are sometimes geared toward actions rather than records. Records retention may be inferred, however, by the need to provide evidence of a particular action. When a statute or regulation is being cited as the basis for a retention period, the specific statute or regulation must be indicated on the records inventory and on the subsequent retention schedule.

Audit requirements usually apply only to financial or fiscal records. These requirements are most often limited to retention for three to five years. Federal requirements are almost always listed in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and are therefore also regulatory requirements. Do not assume retention periods based on what an individual auditor wants. This determination should be made only by the auditing authority.

Practical need is determined by specific values:

- Administrative value. Records which help or document administrative activities have administrative value. Retention can vary greatly on these records depending on just what the records document. Many documents at operational levels are actually non-records by definition because they are duplicates of record copies and/or they are working papers which are summarized into higher level records.
- Evidential value refers to records which provide evidence of an agency's organizational structure and functions. They include policies, directives, board minutes, organizational documents, etc. Most of these records have long term or archival value.
 Fortunately, these are a very small percentage of an agency's records.
- Informational value is based on the information contained in the records. Informational value usually decreases with time. Informational value can most often be determined by studying the use of the record series over a period of time.

APPRAISAL OF PERMANENT / ARCHIVAL RECORDS

The Arizona History and Archives Division identifies, collects, preserves and provides access to state and local government records of Arizona, for the purposes of retaining evidence about public policies and programs, providing protection or verification of individual's rights, and maintaining information about noteworthy people, issues, places and events that make up the story of Arizona's history.

Appraisal is a term used by archivists meaning the assessment of the records for historical value. The appraisal criteria used by archivists include:

- Who created the record.
- How the records were used.
- What information is contained in the record.
- Who might use the records in the future.

These records are usually considered for "permanent" retention at the State Archives.

"Permanent", as used by records managers and archivists, literally means forever, and records with this value are relatively rare. Records archival value usually comprise three to five percent of the total of all government records. Frequently original copies of evidential records are of archival value. These include:

- 1. Board Minutes of boards, commissions and committees established by statute, resolution, proclamation or ordinance
 - 2. Original or "official" copies of formal policy directives
 - 3. One copy of the agency annual reports
 - 4. Original copy of organizational documentation including charts
 - 5. Records documenting a historic or "land-mark" event

The archivists at the History and Archives Division welcome the opportunity to appraise agency records. Please call 602-542-4159 to arrange for a professional appraisal.

Arizona law A.R.S. §39-101 prescribes the materials and storage conditions required for permanent public records and prescribes the penalty for noncompliance.

DETERMINING RECORDS RETENTION

The evaluation process is used to determine the retention period best suited to a record series. No record should be destroyed while it still has significant value. On the other hand, no record should be retained after its value has been exhausted.

Records should never be retained only because "someone might need them someday." Maintaining

records uses valuable resources and is costly — only records of value should be maintained.

Most records are kept for informational value. Usually, informational value decreases as time passes. A "typical" record will have most of its informational value immediately after its receipt or creation. This value then drops off or decreases over a period of time.

Ultimately, the determination of government records retention periods is the responsibility of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (A.R.S. §§41-1347 and 41-1351).

SCHEDULING RECORDS

The primary objective of the records inventory and records evaluation is to provide the data necessary to produce records retention and disposition schedules. These schedules are simply timetables that identify the length of time records must be kept in active and inactive status prior to final disposition.

A records retention and disposition schedule describes the life-cycle of specific record series. It is a reference and a management tool to be used to prescribe the time to retire records to inactive status and eventually the time to destroy or otherwise dispose of the records. A.R.S. §41-1346 requires that each state and local agency submit proposed retention and disposition schedules to the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

Records Retention and Disposition Schedules are best developed along organizational lines, with schedules written for specific organizational units. Organizationally-based schedules facilitate both transfer of inactive records to an inactive records center and final destruction of old records.

Retention schedules should be reviewed at least every 2 years and revised as needed. Since public laws, regulations and office operations are constantly revised, improvements in equipment and work methods become necessary. The information resources of public agencies must adapt to respond to these changes. Revisions to retention schedules may be initiated by either agency management or the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND DISTRICT RECORDS CENTER

As political subdivisions, Arizona community colleges and districts may establish their own central records centers. A records center is usually a facility designed and used to house inactive records in a controlled but inexpensive environment. Any municipality operating or planning for a records center is welcome to call Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records for free advice or consultation at 602-542-3741

Chapter 4 - Standardized Retention Schedules for Arizona Community Colleges and Districts

STANDARDIZED SCHEDULES

This chapter contains records retention and disposition schedules for most community colleges and district functions. The schedules are organized alphabetically by the title of the function:

- All Office Administration
- Admissions/Records
- Curriculum Office
- District Information/Marketing
- District Management
- EEO/Affirmative Action
- Facilities/Buildings Management
- Financial Aid
- Fiscal/Business Operations
- Fleet Services/Motor Pool
- Food services/Student Activities
- Human Resources/Personnel
- Information Technology
- Institutional Research
- Library
- Public Safety
- Purchasing/Procurement

These records retention and disposition schedules were originally developed from schedules submitted by various community colleges and districts.

LEGAL APPROVAL

The following retention and disposition schedules have been approved by the Director, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records pursuant to ARS §41-1347 and 41-1351. These schedules have also been reviewed by the Auditor General's Office for compliance with audit requirements.

These schedules shall be used by all Arizona community colleges and districts. Records destroyed in accordance with these schedules must be reported to the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records on a *Report of Records Destruction*. This procedure is described in Chapter X.

FOLLOWING RETENTION SCHEDULES

The retention periods for the records series in these schedules must be followed carefully and faithfully. The retention and disposition schedules comprise an approved routine records program so long as they are followed.

There is no danger of being accused of destroying documentary evidence if the schedules are followed carefully and not selectively. *Records must never be destroyed for the purpose of eliminating*

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potentially damaging evidence. On the other hand, the courts have recognized that records destroyed in the course of normal business and through a documented records retention program are legitimately not available if requested past their scheduled destruction date.

Records retention and disposition schedules DO NOT preempt good judgement. Records required for legal discovery or ongoing audit purposes beyond the prescribed retention must be maintained until cleared by the appropriate authority before destruction. Contact the Records Management Division whenever records are required because of a law suit, special or ongoing audit or criminal investigation.

Records subpoenaed or otherwise required by the court, pertinent to current or pending litigation or currently subject to audit should not be destroyed even if the approved schedule indicates they could be.

Similarly, if you believe records should be kept beyond their retention period because they have historical or archival value, contact Records Management Division to request an extension.

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	period. Only the Records Managen	nent Divisi	on has th	ne author	ity to exte	end records r	etention periods.
No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S.		ENTION		<i>.</i> .	REMARKS
		Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Incl	ude start point of retention.)
	Note: "Office Administration" records are those administrative records that may be found in any organizational unit office.						
1	General correspondence (not related to a specific case or project) a. Official copy (signed original or a copy of the signed original)				2	After cre	ated or received
	b. Final draft of maintained on a computer hard disk or server (non-record copy maintained for				3mo	After office	cial copy created
	convenience) c. Earlier drafts NOTE: General correspondence covers a very wide variety of subjects from wide variety of authors. Some of these materials may have long term or historical value. Contact History and Archives Division if you wish a professional archival appraisal of any of these documents.				-	After sup	perseded
2	E-mail: a. Records* (including sender and receiver identification, time and date sent and received, and complete message) preserved and retained on a PC or server using appropriate				-		or the same length of time as for other forms of the record
	software b. Records* (including sender and receiver identification, time and date sent and received, and complete message) printed to paper and				-		or the same length of time as for other forms of the record
	preserved and retained in that form c. Records* sent as attachments to e-mail				-		or the same length of time as for other forms of the record
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No.	period. Only the Records Managemone RECORD SERIES	R.S.	RETENTI		REMARKS
		Code	Off. R.		(Include start point of retention.)
	d. Routine non-record communications e. E-mail server backups f. E-mail user directories and distribution lists * Meeting the requirements of the			3mo 1mo	of after informational value is served, whichever is sooner After date backup was run Maintain current
3	definition of a record pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1350 Transitory materials including correspondence of limited reference value, transmittal letters and informational bulletins (paper and/or electronic media)			3mo	After created or received
4	Appointment calendars (paper and/or electronic media)			1	After calendar year created
5	Reference materials including duplicate files or documents, periodicals, catalogs, published reports, etc. (non-records)			3	Or after informational value has been served whichever is sooner
6	Working documents including notes, drafts, feeder reports, etc. used in the development of final or summary records (paper and/or electronic media)			-	After completion of the final record
7	Progress/activity reports (except official agency annual report) including weekly or monthly reports to supervisors and managers				
	a. Reports containing statistics useful for trend analysis and not carried forward to subsequent reports			10	After fiscal year created or received
	b. Reports not containing useful statistics or containing statistics carried forward to subsequent reports			1	After fiscal year created or received
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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	RETEI Off.	NTION R.C.	(YR.) Total	REMARKS (Include start point of retention.)		
8	Office internal administration records including work procedures, office assignments, work schedules, etc. (paper and/or electronic media)				3	After revised or discontinued		
9	Logs, telephone message logs, sign-in sheets, etc. (paper and/or electronic media)				1	After last entry date		
10	Employee time and leave records (unit of assignment copy only) including leave request documents and time sheets Paper and/or electronic media				1	After calendar year created		
11	Financial documents (office copies only) including requisitions, purchase orders, claims, travel claims, invoices, cash receipts, petty cash, etc. (paper and/or electronic media)				1	After fiscal year created or received		
12	Expense accounting records (original or record copies only; under \$1,000)				3	After fiscal year prepared or received		
13	Voice mail				-	Erase or otherwise destroy messages following taking required action		
14	Voice mail backup				1mo	After date backup is run		
15	Employee personnel files (supervisors copy)				6mo	After termination of service or transfer		
16	Reports of records destruction				2	After fiscal year created (official copy on file with Az. State Library)		
17	Approved requests for imaging (pursuant to A.R.S.§41-1348)				1	After renewed or program terminated		
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		Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Inclu	ide start point of retention.)	
18	Final reports of consultants, special committees, task forces, etc. a. Resulting in a program or project b. Not resulting in a program or project				- 2		the program or project file ort submitted	
19	Special program or project files				3	After fisc complete	al year program or project d	
20	Audit reports (office and district copies)				5	After fisc	al year prepared	
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RETENTION (YR.) R.S. No. **RECORD SERIES REMARKS** Code Off. R.C. Total (Include start point of retention.) Data entry documents used only as a After verification of data entered source for entering data into an automated system.(i.e., applications for admission, name changes, address changes, registration transaction forms, etc.) 2 3 Student records (academic file) (paper After academic year of last attendance and/or electronic media)including (This meets the requirements for FFEL admissions application; immunization; 34 CFR 668.24) name changes; grade changes; student data changes; academic transcript (current); registration; degree check; transcripts from other institutions; evaluation of prior training; military discharge; other evaluation or comment; class changes, registration transactions; advance placement records; credit by exam; out of county affidavits, domicile affidavits(residency records) International student records include, in addition to above, I20 immigration form; financial quaranty; TOEFL scores; student academic progress; student status 3 Veterans (G.I. Bill) student records 3 After year of last attendance including in addition to the above, V.A. application; certifications; status changes; degree plans; work sheets Perm 4 Permanent record including academic Preserve pursuant to A.R.S. §39.101, transcript; graduation documents; Permanent Records Media and admission application Storage Standards 5 Catalog (single record copy) Perm Preserve pursuant to A.R.S. §39.101, Permanent Records Media and Storage Standards **Supersedes Schedule Dated:** April 26, 2000 Approved by: **Approval Date:** X Gladysann Wells November 15, 2002

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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	RETE Off.	NTION R.C.	(YR.) Total	(Inclu	REMARKS ide start point of retention.)
6	Class schedules				2		of semester
7	Class lists				1	After aca	demic year created
8	Class rosters				1	After fisc	al year created
9	45 day census: a. Paper copies b. and/or Microfiche (COM) copies c. and/or Electronic (computer) record				1 5 3	After aca After aca	demic year created demic year created demic year created (If no e copy, retain for 5 years.)
10	Final grade rosters a. "Official" copy				Perm	Permane	pursuant to A.R.S. §39.101, nt Records Media and Standards
	b. Any other copies if they exist				3	After pre	
11	Additional census reports				3	After fisc	al year created
12	Non-enrolled applicant records including applications, test scores and other supporting documents				1sem	After crea	ated or received
13	Athletic eligibility records				3	After last	semester attended
14	Credit/no credit approvals				1	After inpu	ut to student record
15	Unclaimed diplomas				1	After atte	mpted student contact
16	Graduation program records				1	After pre	pared or received
17	Deferred registration				-	After sati	sfied
18	Honors list				1sem	After crea	ated
19	State aid requests				3	After fisc	al year created
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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	R.C.		REMARKS (Include start point of retention.)
20	Equalization aid requests			3	After fiscal year created
21	Request for additional capital outlay appropriation			3	After fiscal year created
22	Final state aid report			3	After fiscal year created
23	Enrollment analysis report			3	After fiscal year created
24	Master schedule of classes			3	After fiscal year created
25	Transcript requests			1mo	After request filled
26	Enrollment verifications				After issued
27	Student class audit reports			2	After fiscal year created
28	Student academic progress reports			3	After fiscal year created
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Function: Curriculum Office

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1	Curriculum history files				Perm	Consider microfilm after course is discontinued
2	College curriculum council minutes				3	After calendar year prepared
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Function:

District Management

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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S.		NTION		REMARKS
		Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Include start point of retention.)
1	Minutes of the CCD governing board (including agendas): a. Record copy of transcribed minutes b. Audio recordings c. Executive sessions (confidential)				Perm 3mo 3	After transcribed After calendar year prepared
2	Minutes of advisory committees, boards, commissions, panels, etc.				3	After calendar year prepared
3	District policies (approved by board) [official copy only]				Perm	
4	Regulations supporting policies [official copy only]				Perm	
5	Standard Practice Guides supporting regulations [official copy only]				10	After approved
6	Legal files (litigation)				3	After case closed, settled or adjudicated
7	Intergovernmental agreements (IGAs)				3	After canceled, suspended or expired
8	Legislation files including case files for proposed legislation				1	After passed into law or defeated and abandoned Supersedes Schedule Dated:
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EEO/Affirmative Action

No.	period. Only the Records Manageme	R.S.	RETE	NTION	(YR.)	REMARKS
		Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Include start point of retention.)
1	Training: a. Training workshop files including rosters, copies of content, etc. b. Specialized training records				2	After calendar year workshop given After calendar year training given
2					5	
2	Internal complaints				5	After calendar year of complaint
3	ADA accommodation requests: a. Employees b. Students				2 2	After termination of employment After last academic year of enrollment
4	Monitoring of employment activity including applicant tracking				3	After calendar year created
	NOTE: Some EEO records are listed on the Human Resources schedule.					
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		Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Include start point of retention.)
	Plant Operations:					
1	Work Orders: a. Preventative maintenance b. Charge-backs				3	After expiration of PM agreement After fiscal year created
2	Preventative maintenance schedules				-	After equipment disposed of
3	Key requests				3	After calendar year of request
4	Key register				3	After revised
5	Key locator				1	After revised
6	Key codes				1	After revised
7	Customer care cards				1	After fiscal year created
8	Daily time cards				3	After fiscal year created
9	Employee locator records				1	After revised
10	Accident reports – industrial injuries				5	After calendar year reported (29 CFR 1952.4; 29 CFR 1904.6)
11	Safety meeting schedules				5	After calendar year of schedule
12	Safety inspection reports				5	After calendar year completed
13	Capital equipment inventory: a. Annual listing (printout) b. Equipment files (\$5,000 or more original purchase)				3	After fiscal year produced After fiscal year of disposal of equipment
14	Plans (original as-built)				-	After facility is disposed of. If facility is sold, transfer plans to buyer.
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15	Specifications				-	After facility disposed of. If facility is sold transfer to buyer.			
16	Operation and maintenance schedules				1	After revised			
17	Warranties				3mo	After expiration			
18	Lease agreements (copies)				-	After expiration. Official copy at procurement office.			
19	CFC (chloro-floro-carbons) inventory				3	After superseded (40 CFR 82.166)			
20	HVAC balance reports				3	After calendar year created			
21	Boiler inspection certificates				3	After date of subsequent inspection			
22	Elevator inspection reports				5	After date of inspection			
23	Elevator certificates				5	After superseded, or elevator replaced or abandoned			
24	County Air pollution certificates				1	After renewed			
25	Expendable supply inventory				-	Maintain current, purge old information			
26	Hand tool inventory				-	Maintain current			
27	Inventory stock record				-	Maintain current, purge old information			
28	Operating logs; boiler, chiller, water treatment, etc.				2	After calendar year			
29	Custodial procedures and specifications				1	After revised			
30	Emergency on-call roster				-	Maintain current			
31	Facility requests				1	After fiscal prepared			
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No. **RECORD SERIES** R.S. **RETENTION (YR.) REMARKS** R.C. Total Code Off. (Include start point of retention.) 32 Uniform and safety shoe issue record 3 After uniforms returned or otherwise accounted for 33 Work shift schedules 3 After fiscal year prepared **Environmental Health:** 34 Wastewater permits 3 After calendar year received ADEQ and EPA identification number 3 35 After calendar year received 36 EPA hazardous waste generator: a. Unsigned manifests 3 After date of manifest or until a signed copy is received (40 CFR 262.40) 3 b. Signed manifests After date waste was accepted by initial transporter (40 CFR 262.40) 3 c. Biennial and exception reports After date of report (40 CFR 262.40) d. Records of test results, waste After date waste was last sent for analyses, or other determinations treatment, storage or disposal (40 CFR 262.40) 37 Material data safety sheets After superseded 38 Safety training documentation Place in personnel file **Supersedes Schedule Dated:** April 26, 2000 **Approval Date:** Approved by:

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Financial Aid

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1	Financial aid files (all students who apply under any financial aid program)				3	After academic year of last attendance (This meets the requirements for FFEL, 34 CFR 668.24)
2	Fiscal operations report and application to participate (FISAP)				3	After award year in which it was submitted
3	Student ledgers/reports				3	After fiscal year prepared
4	Financial aid detail report				10	After fiscal year prepared
5	Annual fiscal operations report				3	After fiscal year prepared
6	Program audit records				3	After fiscal year prepared
7	Bank reconciliations				3	After fiscal year prepared
8	Collection agency reports: a. Monthly b. Annual				3	After next report received After fiscal year prepared
9	Summary of outstanding loans: a. Monthly b. Annual				- 3	After next report received After fiscal year prepared
10	Account receivable files, aging reports and transactions				3	After fiscal year prepared
11	Scholarship listings				3	After fiscal year prepared
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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	RETE Off.	NTION R.C.	(YR.) Total	REMARKS (Include start point of retention.)
	Budgeting:					
1	Adopted budget (Fiscal operations copy)				3	After fiscal year prepared
2	Notice of budget hearing				3	After fiscal year prepared
3	Affidavit of publication				3	After fiscal year prepared
4	Annual budgeted expenditure limitation report				3	After fiscal year prepared
5	Documentation supporting budget estimates				3	After fiscal year prepared
6	Budget revision documentation				3	After fiscal year prepared
7	Internal budget reports				3	After fiscal year prepared
	Accounting Records:					
8	Journal entries				10	After fiscal year prepared (per ADOR)
9	General journal				10	After fiscal year prepared (per ADOR)
10	Special journals				10	After fiscal year prepared (per ADOR)
11	Subsidiary ledgers				10	After fiscal year prepared (per ADOR)
12	General ledger (single annual record copy)				Perm	
13	Trial balances				3	After fiscal year prepared
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	Unclaimed Property Records:					
14	Un-cashed payroll checks/warrants				10	After date issued (per ADOR)
15	Un-cashed payment checks/warrants				10	After date issued (per ADOR)
16	Unclaimed property reports required per A.R.S. §44-307				5	After date report is filed (A.R.S. §44-323)
17	Supporting documentation not previously listed				5	After date report is filed (A.R.S. §44-323)
	Cash Records:					
18	Lists of bank accounts				3	After fiscal year prepared
19	Daily cash receipts summaries				3	After fiscal year prepared
20	Ticket sales summaries				3	After fiscal year prepared
21	Pre-numbered cash receipts				3	After fiscal year prepared
22	Cash register tapes				3	After fiscal year prepared
23	Voided transaction documents				3	After fiscal year prepared
24	Mail receipt lists				3	After fiscal year prepared
25	Validated bank deposit slips				10	After fiscal year prepared (per ADOR)
26	Daily cash register reconciliation report				3	After fiscal year prepared
27	Accounts receivable aging schedules				3	After fiscal year prepared
28	NSF checks and related documents				3	After fiscal year prepared
29	Cash refund documents				3	After fiscal year prepared
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30	List of authorized check signers			3	After fiscal year prepared		
31	Disbursement vouchers			3	After fiscal year prepared		
32	Voucher supplements			3	After fiscal year prepared		
33	Expense accounting records including requisitions, purchase orders, claims, demands, vouchers, vendor invoices, receiving documents, etc.: a. Capital expenses exceeding \$5000 for land, buildings and improvements; \$1000 for vehicles, furniture and equipment			3	After disposal of asset		
	b. All others			3	After fiscal year prepared		
34	Petty cash records			3	After fiscal year prepared		
36	Check registers			10	After fiscal year prepared (per ADOR)		
37	Bank reconciliations			10	After fiscal year prepared (per ADOR)		
38	Bank statements & canceled checks			10	After fiscal year prepared (per ADOR)		
	Plant Assets:						
39	Property control master list			1	After fiscal year superseded		
40	Capitalization policy			1	After fiscal year revised or updated		
41	Fiscal year-end plant assets lists			3	After fiscal year prepared		
42	Acquisitions lists			3	After fiscal year prepared		
43	Disposals lists			3	After fiscal year prepared		
44	Construction-in-progress lists			3	After fiscal year prepared		
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No.	REGORD SERIES	Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Include start point of retention.)					
45	Reconciliations of capital expenditures to capital acquisitions				3	After fiscal year prepared					
46	Property control records: a. Titles to assets (vehicles, etc.) b. Disposition documents (sales, tradeins, catastrophic loss, etc.)				3	After fiscal year asset disposed of After fiscal year prepared					
	c. Lost/stolen reports d. Transfer documents e. Disposal authorization				3 3 3	After fiscal year prepared After fiscal year prepared After fiscal year disposal completed					
47	Physical inventory records: a. Plant assets b. Supplies inventories				3	After fiscal year prepared After fiscal year prepared					
48	Insurance files				3	After fiscal year of policy expiration					
49	Depreciation schedules				1	After fiscal year revised or updated					
50	Auction/sale files				3	After fiscal year prepared					
51	Annual property control reports				2	After fiscal year prepared					
52	Warranty records				-	After fiscal year expired or property disposed of					
	Payroll:										
53	Employers copies of required IRS forms including W-4				3	After calendar year prepared (Rev. Proc. 84-77)					
54	Voluntary deduction records				4	After calendar year contribution made					
55	Employee status changes				3	After calendar year prepared					
56	State retirement system applications				-	File in employee personnel file					
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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	RETE Off.	R.C.	(YR.) Total	REMARKS (Include start point of retention.)					
70	Misc. deduction register				2	After fiscal year prepared					
71	Work study reports				3	After fiscal year prepared					
	Travel:										
72	Travel requests (approved)				3	After fiscal year prepared					
73	Travel advance records				3	After fiscal year prepared or received					
74	Travel claims				3	After fiscal year prepared					
	Sponsored Programs:										
	Note: Retain records per the terms of the specific contract/grant award; or by the total below if no retention period is stated in the contract/grant award.										
75	Program budgets				3	After termination of program					
76	Program proposal				3	After termination of program					
77	Award document				3	After termination of program					
78	Acceptance document				3	After termination of program					
79	Program agreement/contract (including reports of changes)				6	After termination of program					
80	Letter of credit				3	After termination of program					
81	Request for advance				3	After termination of program					
82	Request for reimbursement				3	After termination of program					
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83	Report of expenditures incurred				3	After termination of program			
84	Report of monies received				3	After termination of program			
85	Matching share agreements (contracts)				6	After termination of program			
86	Documents supporting valuations of in- kind contributions (including time summaries, cost documentation, depreciation schedules, lease agreements)				3	After termination of program			
87	Program procedures				3	After termination of program			
88	Reports of cash transactions				3	After termination of program			
89	Reports of financial status of programs				3	After termination of program			
90	Summary of progress and findings				3	After termination of program			
91	Statement of indirect costs				3	After termination of program			
92	Detailed cost summaries				3	After termination of program			
93	Indirect cost propasals				3	After termination of program			
94	Indirect cost formulas				3	After termination of program			
95	Program audit reports (by sponsors)				5	After fiscal year received			
96	Grant files not related to federally funded projects and non-renewable grants				3	After fiscal year of final voucher payment (Confirm with specific requirements of funding agency.)			
97	Grant files related to Federally funded continuing projects and renewable grants				3	After fiscal year of final voucher payment (Confirm with specific requirements of funding agency.)			
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	Auxiliary Enterprises and Services:								
98	Fee schedules and price lists				3	After fisc	al year revised		
99	Credit and refund policies /procedures				3	After fisc	al year revised		
100	Balance sheets				3	After fisc	al year prepared		
101	Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance				3	After fisc	al year prepared		
102	Statement of changes in financial position				3	After fisc	al year prepared		
103	Statement of fees charged and expenditures incurred				3	After fisc	al year prepared		
	Financial Statements:								
104	Audited financial statements (formerly balance sheets, statements of changes in fund balances, statements of current funds, notes to financial statements)				3	After fisc	al year prepared		
105	Requests for extension of time to file statements				3	After fisc	al year prepared		
	Financial Policy Documents:								
106	Trial balances (also item 13)				3	After fisc	al year prepared		
107	Schedules of all bank accounts				3	After fisc	al year prepared		
108	Bank account reconciliations (also item 37)				10	After fisc	al year prepared		
109	Schedules of cash on deposit with the County Treasurer				3		al year prepared		
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R.S. RETENTION (YR.) No. **RECORD SERIES REMARKS** (Include start point of retention.) Code Off. R.C. Total 110 Schedules of all bank transfers 3 After fiscal year prepared 111 3 Schedules of all district held After fiscal year prepared investments 112 Schedules of all trustee held 3 After fiscal year prepared investments 113 3 Schedules of inter-fund payables and After fiscal year prepared receivables 114 Schedule of receivable taxes 3 After fiscal year prepared 115 3 Schedules of accounts receivables After fiscal year prepared and similar assets 3 116 Schedules of prepaid expenses After fiscal year prepared 117 Schedules of student loans receivable 3 After fiscal year prepared 118 3 Schedules of allowances for un-After fiscal year prepared collectable student loans 118 3 Schedules of accounts payable and After fiscal year prepared similar liabilities 119 Schedules of inter-fund transfers 3 After fiscal year prepared 120 3 Schedules of all accrued payroll and After fiscal year prepared employee benefits expenses 121 Schedules of contributions to Az. State 3 After fiscal year prepared Retirement System 122 3 Schedules of accumulated employee After fiscal year prepared leave and compensatory time 123 Schedules of contingent liabilities 3 After fiscal year prepared **Supersedes Schedule Dated:** April 26, 2000 Approved by: Approval Date: X Gladysann Wells

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124	Schedules of sponsored programs				3	After fiscal year prepared		
125	Schedules of insurance coverage in force				3	After fiscal year prepared		
126	Schedules of general obligation bonds payable				3	After fiscal year prepared		
127	Schedules of revenue and refunding bonds payable				3	After fiscal year prepared		
128	Schedules of irrevocable trust activity				3	After fiscal year prepared		
129	Schedules of capital, installment purchases and operating lease agreements				3	After fiscal year prepared		
130	Lists of all adjusting journal entries				3	After fiscal year prepared		
131	Schedule of full time student equivalents				3	After fiscal year prepared		
132	Chart of accounts				3	After fiscal year prepared		
133	Organizational charts (Finance copy)				3	After fiscal year prepared		
134	Summary of related party transactions				3	After fiscal year prepared		
135	Journal entries and supporting documents (also item 8)				10	After fiscal year prepared		
136	District accounting policies and procedures (Finance copy)				3	After fiscal year updated or revised		
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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	NTION R.C.		REMARKS (Include start point of retention.)		
1	Vehicle requests			3	After fiscal year prepared		
2	Vehicle scheduling logs			3	After fiscal year of log		
3	"Permanent" vehicle assignment lists			3	After superseded or updated		
4	Drivers license copies			-	After superseded or employee terminates		
5	Credit card assignment log			3	After superseded or updated		
6	Vehicle titles			-	After vehicle is disposed of		
7	Daily mileage logs			1	After fiscal year prepared		
8	Vehicle accident reports			5	After calendar year of accident		
9	Vehicle maintenance records			-	After vehicle disposed of		
10	Alternate fuels usage reports (natural gas, LPG, ethanol, etc.)			3	After calendar year created		
11	Travel reduction program annual activity report			3	After calendar year created		
12	Travel reduction program audit report			3	After calendar year of report		
13	Vehicle charge-back records including mileage logs, vehicle requests, rental invoices, changes to requests, fuel receipts, etc.			3	After fiscal year prepared or received		
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Function:

Human Resources/Personnel

No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S.	RETE	NTION	(YR.)		REMARKS
		Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Inclu	de start point of retention.)
1	Employee personnel files: a. Official files including loyalty oaths and employee related correspondence b. Supervisor's work file				3 6mo	district se	ndar year of termination of rvice (29 CFR 1627.3) nination or transfer
2	Employee personnel summary (paper or electronic media)				10		ndar year of termination no requirement to maintain d series.)
3	Statistical listings of employees				-	Dispose o	of after superseded
4	Position descriptions				3	After supe	erseded or position abolished
5	Classification or reclassification of positions				3	After requ	uest is acted on
6	Employee grievance files				3	After grie	vance action resolved
7	Employee training files including attendance lists, class outlines, etc.				3	class con	e training is given (A record of appletion may be placed in the e personnel file.)
8	Employee tuition refund program records				3	After fisca	al year refund is issued.
9	Occupational safety and health records including accident reports and annual summaries				5		ndar year reported (29 CFR 9 CFR 1904.6)
10	Accident prevention programs including lists of first aid and CPR trained staff				1	After supe	erseded
11	Employee medical and exposure records including lists of hazardous materials exposed to, pre-employment physicals, etc.				30	CFR 1910	nination of employment (29 0.20) These records must be seperately from the employee I file.
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R.S. RETENTION (YR.) No. **RECORD SERIES REMARKS** Code Off. R.C. Total (Include start point of retention.) 12 Group insurance records including 6 After termination of contract contracts 5 13 After RIF (lay-off) is completed Reduction in force records including computation documents and recap. summaries 14 3 EEO-4 including background After prepared (29 CFR 1602.30) information 15 2 Hiring records including requisition, After calendar year received or application, selection, promotion and prepared (29 CFR 1602.31) interview records 3 16 Merit/civil service system board minutes After calendar year prepared (Human Resources copy) 17 Form I-9 (Proof of legal residency in 1 After employee terminates employment, but not less than 3 years U.S.A.) after date of hire (8 CFR 274a.2) 18 Employment contracts: a. Faculty and staff 3 After fulfilled or canceled (29 CFR 3 b. Work-study After fulfilled or canceled (29 CFR 516.6) 3 After case resolved 19 Grievance files 20 Payroll time and leave records See Fiscal/Business Operations schedule and All - Office Administration schedule 21 Salary schedules 1 After revised **Supersedes Schedule Dated:** April 26, 2000 Approved by: Approval Date: X Gladys ann Wells
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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S.		ENTION		REMARKS
		Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Include start point of retention.)
1	Systems backup: a. Full backup (weekly)				1mo	After date of backup (suggested
	b. Incremental/transaction backup (daily)				1mo	retention) After date of backup (suggested retention)
2	Work orders/job orders				1	After date of completion
3	Production job log				1mo	After date job is run
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Function: Institutional Research

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R.S. **RETENTION (YR.)** No. **RECORD SERIES REMARKS** Code Off. R.C. Total (Include start point of retention.) Cyclical internal reports: Perm a. Final official copy b. Support materials 6 After date of report 2 Special internal reports (ad hoc): a. Final official copy Perm b. Support materials 6 After date of report 3 Reports to state, federal government and North Central Accreditation Association: a. Final official copy Perm b. Support materials except federal 6 After date of report graduate report c. Support materials for federal 10 After date of report graduate report 4 Reports to other external agencies 3 After date of report 5 2 Cyclical reports issued by other After date of report organizations 6 2 After date produced Information provided by IR to other organizational units (copies) **Supersedes Schedule Dated:** April 26, 2000 Approved by: **Approval Date:**

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Function: Library

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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	Off.	R.C.	(YR.) Total	REMARKS (Include start point of retention.)
1	Catalog of current holdings including shelf lists (paper or electronic media)				-	Maintain current
2	Agreements, contracts and leases (library copy)				-	Dispose of after expired, terminated or revoked. Official district copy on file with procurement office
3	Borrowers/cardholders registration information (paper or electronic media)				-	Maintain current
4	Statistical records: a. Annual b. Other (monthly, weekly, etc.)				10 -	After calendar year compiled Dispose of after cumulative update
5	Grant files: a. Federal funds				3	After fiscal year of final expenditure (45
	b. State funds				3	CFR 1183.42) After fiscal year of final expenditure
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Function:
Public Information/Marketing

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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S.		ENTION		REMARKS
		Code	Off.	R.C.	Total	(Include start point of retention.)
1	College/District advertising and promotional pieces (one example of each piece)				Perm	
2	Employee newsletter: a. Final printed edition (one copy) b. Original photos and negatives c. Articles (work copies)				Perm 5 1	After calendar year taken After calendar year written
3	Press releases				2	After calendar year written
4	TV and radio commercials (recordings)				Perm	Re-write and migrate as needed to preserve
5	Clipping file (articles from various sources about the district or college)				Perm	
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Function:

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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	NTION R.C.		REMARKS (Include start point of retention.)
	Administration:				
1	Annual crime reports			5	After calendar year prepared
2	Quarterly activity reports			1	After filed
3	Budget information			1	After budget fiscal year
4	Calendars			-	After last entry
5	Citations and complaints			2	After issue date
6	Department directives / policies: a. Record copy b. Non-record distribution copies c. Office procedures			Perm - 3	After revised or superseded After revised or superseded
7	Administrative files			1	After fiscal year prepared
8	General correspondence (including memos)			2	After calendar year prepared
9	Internal office management files			2	After calendar year prepared
10	Phone messages			-	After delivery
11	Project planning files			2	After revision or completion
12	Reference materials (non-records)			-	Review annually for value
13	Transitory files			3mo	After created or received
14	Working documents			1	After calendar year prepared
15	Vehicle maintenance reports			-	After disposal of vehicle (Surplus with vehicle.)
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No.	RECORD SERIES	R.S. Code	RETE Off.	NTION R.C.	(YR.) Total	REMARKS (Include start point of retention.)
	Crime Reports & Communications:					
16	Accident (vehicle) reports: a. Fatalities b. Non-fatalities				10 5	After filed After filed
17	Case reports: a. Serious crimes as defined in A.R.S. §13-604; homicide; misuse of public monies; felony involving falsification of public records				25	After filed; review for continued retention if case not closed
	b. All other Class 2 through Class 6 felonies				8	After filed
	c. Misdemeanors (except DUI) d. Misdemeanor DUI				3 5	After filed After report prepared
18	Petty offenses				2	After filed
19	Non-criminal offenses including student code				3	After filed
20	Field interviews				2	After filed
21	Logs and rosters: a. Call logs b. Citation logs c. Duty rosters d. Daily radio logs e. Sign-in rosters				2 2 2 2 1	After calendar year prepared
22	Uniform crime reports				1	After date submitted
23	Telephone / radio tapes				1mo	After date recorded
24	911 printouts				1	After date recorded
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25	Access memoranda			-	After semister prepared
26	ATLs			3mo	After date of receipt
27	Warrants			-	Return to courts after cancellation
	Internal affairs / complaints:				
28	Citizen's complaints			2	After calendar year received
29	Internal investigations			2	After date of completion
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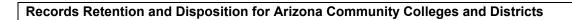
Function: Purchasing / Procurement

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a. Equipment (\$5,000 or b. Land, buildings improv				3	After fiscal year asset disposed of After fiscal year prepared
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Chapter 5- Historical Records

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A MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE

The records maintained by local governments are among the most valuable resources in their care. They are essential for the conduct of ongoing operations and the official documentation of legally binding decisions and actions of the government. They allow the public to understand civic issues. Records are the community's memory.

Records are preserved because:

- Officials use them to control and monitor government operations
- They document the conduct of public business
- Records ensure and measure government accountability
- Many government records contain information that is used by researchers from within and from outside government
- Historians and other researchers use selected government records for information on individuals, groups and the community, on the development of the government and its operations and on the life of the community itself

Everyday pressures and duties often leave officials little time for attention to records issues. To help, the Arizona State Archives encourages partnerships with local government offices by providing assistance to them.

- It helps agencies determine if they hold permanent records
- It consults on permanent records storage
- It reduces storage space required by the municipality by transferring permanent records to the State Archives;
- It reduces demands on your staffs' time after records transfers because the State Archives staff answers the constituents' questions
- It makes records available to the agency within 24hours
- It stores records in secure areas and monitors their
- It provides preservation services for permanent records

Permanent Records:

The State Archives has identified municipality **records** on these schedules which have **historical value**. These records are permanent and should not be destroyed. For convenience, they are listed below, but other records normally considered non-permanent may also have historical value.

These include:

- 1. Board Minutes of boards, commissions, and committees established by statute, resolution, proclamation or ordinance.
- Original or "official copies" of formal policy directives.
- 3. Original copy of organizational documentation including charts.
- 4. Records documenting a historic or "landmark event."

 Those record series are identified in the schedule with this statement in the remarks section: "Some items within this record series, because of age or their link to high profile issues, should be retained permanently. Consult the State Archives for further information."

 These records cannot be given to local historical societies, museums or universities. For assistance or help with questions, write, call or e-mail:

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1700 W. Washington, Suite 442 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Phone (602) 542-4159 Fax(602) 542-4402.

Internet address: archives@dlapr.lib.az.us

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Chapter 6- Destruction of Records

LEGALITY OF DESTRUCTION

Destroying public records without lawful authority is a class 4 felony (A.R.S. §38-421). The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records is charged by law (A.R.S. §41-1347), with the responsibility of authorizing the destruction of qualified public records.

As stated earlier in this manual, no record should be destroyed while it still has significant value . . . but no record should be maintained after its potential use does not justify cost of continued retention. The determination of value is ultimately the responsibility of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (A.R.S. §41-1347) and the Department encourages the lawful and timely destruction of eligible records. There are two methods for obtaining authorization for destruction of records:

- For records on approved retention and disposition schedules
- For records not on schedules

RECORDS ON APPROVED SCHEDULES

A retention and disposition schedule approved by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (including the general and model schedules) is a continuing authority to destroy the listed records at the end of their scheduled retention period. With an approved schedule, an agency may destroy listed records without further approval.

These schedules <u>DO NOT</u> pre-empt good judgment. Records required for legal or audit purposes beyond the recommended retention must be maintained until cleared by the appropriate authority before destruction.

Destruction must be reported to the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records after it has taken place (A.R.S. §41-1351). To simplify and standardize the reporting of records destruction, the "Report of Records Destruction/ Certificate of Destruction" must be used. Figure 5 illustrates "Report/Certificate of Records Destruction." which is available on request, in paper and PDF formats, from the Records Management Division. It is also available in screen fillable PDF format at the agency website, www.lib.az.us.

Please print clearly or use a typewriter for the paper form. Complete the form as follows:

- 1. In the upper right corner "Authority" enter the approval date of the agency retention schedule; if a support or model schedule is used enter the date it was approved and give the name of the function.
- Complete the "FROM" section with the municipality name, official agency name, office name, address and zip code.

- List the "Record Series" destroyed using the exact record series name(s) found on the approved schedule
- 4. Enter the earliest date under "From" and the latest date under "Thru".
- For paper estimate the volume, in cubic feet, of records destroyed. For computer records ignore the volume destroyed.

One letter size file drawer = 1.5 cu. ft. One legal size file drawer = 2.0 cu. ft.

6. At the bottom of the certificate enter the date on which the records were destroyed, the method of destruction and the signature of the individual performing or witnessing the destruction.

RECORDS NOT ON APPROVED SCHEDULES

Records not on approved schedules may be destroyed only with explicit approval from the Director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. To request approval to destroy records a "Single Request" (illustrated in Figure 6) must be used.

The "Single Request" is available on request, in paper and PDF formats, from the Records Management Division. It is also available in screen fillable PDF format at the agency website, www.lib.az.us..

1. DO NOT MAKE ANY ENTRIES IN THE SHADED AREAS.

- 2. Complete the identification section with the date, municipality name, official agency name, office name, address, phone and zip.
- 3. The individual assigned with the duty of custodian for the records listed must sign the request. The name of that individual must be typed in the "Submitted by" area.
- List the RECORD SERIES to be destroyed using the name of the series and a brief description if necessary.
- 5. Enter the earliest date of the records (FROM) and the date of the latest records (THRU).
- 6. Estimate the volume of paper records in cubic feet.

 One letter size file drawer = 1.5 cu. ft.

 One legal size file drawer = 2.0 cu. ft.
- 7. <u>STOP</u>. Remove the goldenrod copy and retain it in suspense. Send the balance of the form intact to the Records Management Division. The Director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records will provide authorization using a code placed in the "Code" column beside each record series listed. Following approval by the Director, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, the Records Management Division will return the white and yellow copies to the requester for certification of destruction.

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- 8. Destruction shall take place within 60 days of the approval date. Following destruction of the records, complete the bottom of the form with the name of the person actually destroying or supervising the destruction of the records and the date the records were actually destroyed.
- 9. Send the white (top) copy of the completed form to the Records Management Division. Retain the yellow copy in your office for two years.

METHODS OF DESTRUCTION

The great majority of records produced by municipalities are accessible to the general public pursuant to A.R.S. §39- 121. Records are not restricted or confidential unless specifically identified as such by statute. There is, therefore, no reason to destroy most public records with the exactness required for the destruction of confidential or restricted records.

The most desirable method of destruction for non-confidential public records is recycling. Recycling is simply the sale of the old records to a commercial firm which will eventually reprocess the old paper into new. Microfilm records can also be recycled by silver recyclers. Recycling is a source of revenue and ensures the total destruction of the records.

Shredding, pulping, mastication and disintegration are all thorough destruction methods. These methods typically require expensive specialized equipment and are labor intensive. Although thorough, they are generally incomplete methods as their end products must still be disposed of. These destruction methods should only be used for confidential or restricted records because of the relatively high cost incurred.

Burning is an inexpensive and effective method of very thorough records destruction. However, incinerators and open fires are against the law in most areas. Burning should only be used where it is legal and when it can be safely monitored and contained. Burning, when executed properly, is an extremely effective method ideal for destruction of confidential or restricted records. It is time consuming and requires constant monitoring,

making it too labor intensive for most public records destruction.

Landfill is *not* particularly recommended as a destruction method for government records. Burying records in a landfill may make the records unusable for most practical purposes, but it is not effective in truly destroying the records. Records buried in a landfill in desert areas, such as most of Arizona, may actually be preserved by the act of burying them in a dry, relatively sterile and ultra-violet free environment. Although an inexpensive option burying in a landfill can not guaranty the destruction of the records.

TRANSFER OF RECORDS

Occasionally, there may be a need to transfer records from from a political sub-division to a state agency, from a municipality to a municipal government, from a state agency to a political sub-division or from a state or municipality agency to the State Archives. This may come about because of a change in jurisdiction over some project or function or because the State Archives desires the records for their historical value.

The "Single Request" described above has also been designed to serve this purpose. Follow all of the directions above indicating that a transfer is being recommended. The Director, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records will review the single request and will most likely approve the transfer between any two public bodies. Transfers of public records to private individuals, private organizations or corporations will normally not be approved.

In some cases, the State Archives may request the transfer of records when an agency wishes to dispose of them. In these cases, the Director will usually approve the transfer.

The bottom of the "Single Request" has been designed so as to also document the transfer of records. As with destruction the white (top) copy is sent to the Records Management Division and the yellow copy is kept in the transferring agency's files for two years.

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